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SUBJ: MARCH 2-5 VISIT TO SRI LANKA OF SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
VIETNAM (SRV) PRIME MINISTER PHAM VAN DONG

1. FOLLOWING ARE MOST COMPLETE TEXTS AVAILABLE OF 2 MARCH
STATEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH SUBJECT VISIT.
2. QUOTE: VIETNAM WILL JOIN SRI LANKA IN ANY VENTURE SHE
EMBARKS ON FOR THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL UPLIFT OF
THE PEOPLE. IN THE TASK OF RECONSTRUCTION WE ARE PREPARED
TO WORK HAND IN HAND WITH SRI LANKA'S LEADERSHIP AND HER
PEOPLE", SAID VIETNAM'S PRIME MINISTER MR. PHAM VAN DONG WHO
ARRIVED YESTERDAY ON A FOUR DAY GOODWILL MISSION TO SRI LANKA.
3. HE IS THE FIRST FOREIGN DIGNITARY TO VISIT SRI LANKA SINCE
THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT WAS FORMED.
4. AFTER A WARM WELCOME AT THE BANDARANAIKE INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT, KATUNAYAKE WHERE THE SPECIAL AIRCRAFT OF VIETNAM
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AIR LINES ARRIVED ON SCHEDULE, THE VIETNAM'S PRIME MINISTER
WAS ACCORDED A STATE DRIVE TO COLOMBO. TWO HOURS AFTER HIS
ARRIVAL, HE CALLED ON THE PRIME MINISTER MR. R. PREMADASA
AT TEMPLE TREES.

5. "I FEEL QUITE AT HOME IN SRI LANKA", MR. PHAM VAN DONG
TOLD MR. PREMADASA. HE SAID: "WE HAVE NO DIFFERENCES IN OUR

MISSION. BOTH OUR COUNTRIES ARE WORKING FOR THE AMELIORATION OF THE CONDITIONS OF OUR PEOPLE. OUR AIM IS TO RECONSTRUCT OUR LAND. BOTH OUR COUNTRIES HAVE SUFFERED FROM IMPERIAL DOMINATION AND BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE REGAINED NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE. NOW WE SHOULD MARCH FORWARD".

6. MR. PHAM SAID: "AFTER MY ARRIVAL THIS TIME I FELT DEEPLY INTERESTED IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN YOUR COUNTRY. I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS VISIT FOR SOME TIME. I AM EXTREMELY HAPPY THAT I HAVE COME HERE ONCE AGAIN".

7. ASSOCIATED WITH MR. PHAM WERE THE VIETNAM AMBASSADOR IN COLOMBO MR. LE BAO, MR. DANG VIET CHAU, FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER, MR. NGUYEN CO THACH VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MR. VU QUOC UY ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

8. ON THE ARRIVAL OF THE VIETNAMESE PRIME MINISTER AT THE BANDARANAIKE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, LITTLE DULANJALI, THE DAUGHTER OF PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. PREMADASA GARLANDED MR. PHAM VAN DONG WHEN HE STEPPED DOWN FROM THE SPECIAL PLANE TO THE ACCOMPANIMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL SRI LANKA GREETINGS - THE BEATING OF THE MAGUL BERA.

9. THE RUSSIAN BUILT ILLYUSHIN 134 A AIRCRAFT OF THE HANG KHONG VIET NAM - THE VIETNAM FLAG CARRIER - IN WHICH HE TRAVEL-
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LED, TOUCHED DOWN AT KATUNAYAKE SHARP ON SCHEDULE AT 3 P.M. ESCORTED BY HANG KHONG VIET NAM'S ILLYUSHIN 18 WHICH LANDED FIFTEEN MINUTES EARLIER.

10. AT THE FOOT OF THE GANGWAY, THE PRIME MINISTER INTRODUCED MRS. PREMADASA AND THE MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE TO THE VISITING DIGNITARY.

11. THE COMMANDER OF THE SRI LANKA NAVY, REAR ADMIRAL BASIL GOONESEKERA CONDUCTED MR. PHAM VAN DONG TO THE DAIS AND THE NAVY STRUCK 'TIEN QUAN CA' - MARCH TO THE FRONT, THE VIETNAM NATIONAL ANTHEM AND 'NAMO NAMO MATA' - HOMAGE TO MOTHER LANKA THE SRI LANKA NATIONAL ANTHEM AND ACCORDED HIM A GENERAL SALUTE.

12. MR. PHAM WAS LATER RECEIVED BY THE SPEAKER AND OTHER CABINET MINISTERS. THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS WAS ALSO PRESENT IN FULL FORCE.

13. THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS LEFT THE AIR PORT IN A MOTORCADE ON A STATE DRIVE TO COLOMBO.

14. THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, MR. A. AMIRTHALINGAM YES-

TERDAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TAMIL-SPEAKING PEOPLE AND THE OPPOSITION IN PARLIAMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT TO SRI LANKA OF MR. PHAM VAN DONG PRIME MINISTER OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

15. "THE VISIT TO SRI LANKA OF PHAM VAN DONG THE ELDER STATESMAN AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AUGURS WELL FOR THE FUTURE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE TWO COUNTRIES. ON BEHALF OF THE TULF, I WISH TO EXTEND A VERY WARM WELCOME TO THE NOBLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GREAT PEOPLE OF VIETNAM.

16. "THE HISTORIC AND HEROIC STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM AGAINST THE MIGHT OF THE MOST MODERN WEAPONS IN WARFARE IS UNCLASSIFIED

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INSPIRING TO ALL PEOPLE ENGAGED IN STRUGGLES FOR LIBERATION. VIETNAM STANDS AS A SHINING EXAMPLE OF THE ULTIMATE TRIUMPH OF THE DETERMINED STRUGGLE OF A PEOPLE HOWEVER WEAK IN ARMAMENTS THEY MAY BE.

17. THE RECENT BORDER FLARE-UP AND BLOODSHED BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA IS PAINFUL AND DISTRESSING TO ALL LOVERS OF FREEDOM. ALL PEACE LOVING PEOPLE THAT STAND FOR FREEDOM AND SOCIALISM IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA WOULD LIKE AN EARLY SETTLEMENT OF THIS DISPUTE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE SUFFERED UNDER THE HEELS OF IMPERIALISM FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

18. "ON BEHALF OF THE TAMIL-SPEAKING PEOPLE AND THE OPPOSITION IN PARLIAMENT I WISH TO EXTEND WARM AND FRIENDLY GREETINGS TO THE HEROIC PEOPLE OF VIETNAM ON THE OCCASION OF THE VISIT OF THEIR PRIME MINISTER TO SRI LANKA".
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